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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAPPORO 02

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASAFA, ASEC

SUBJECT: CONVICTION AND SENTENCING OF ASSAILANT OF SAPPORO

CONSULATE

REF: TOKYO 10421

1. KAZUO SHIGA, THE 23 YEAR OLD EX SELF DEFENSE FORCES MEMBER WHO THREW AN INCENDIARY DEVICE AGAINST THE BACK ENTRANCE OF THE CONSULATE ON AUGUST 9TH, WAS SENTENCED IN SAPPORO DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 17 TO THREE AND A HALF YEARS IMPRISONMENT. ALTHOUGH THE DEFENDANT WAS CHARGED WITH FOUR COUNTS, INCLUDING TRESPASSING, ATTEMPTED ARSON, POSSESSION OF INCENDIARY WEAPONS, AND POSSESSION OF AN EDGED WEAPON, THE PRESIDING JUDGE

PAGE 2 RUADREB0030 C O N F I D E N T I A L

REJECTED THE PROSECUTION'S REQUEST FOR A FIVE YEAR SENTENCE. A COURT OFFICIAL INFORMED CONSULATE THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT'S MENTAL CONDITION WAS VIEWED BY COURT OFFICIALS AS UNSTABLE. THIS CONFIRMS EARLIER IMPRESSIONS GAINED FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, I.E., THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS AN ADMIRER OF MAO AND MISHIMA, AND WISHED TO DO SOMETHING HEROIC.

2. THE DEFENDANT IS APPEALING THE VERDICT, AND THE
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COURT RECORDS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE

DEFENDANT WORKED ALONE AND APPARENTLY WAS MOTIVATED BY
NOTHING MORE THAN HIS OWN JUMBLED POLITICAL THOUGHTS.

3. THE CONSULATE HAD ONLY MINIMAL CONTACT WITH THE
PROSECUTION CONCERNING THIS CASE. THIS CONSISTED OF
OUR AGREEMENT THAT, IF NECESSARY, WE WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
WE HAD REQUESTED POLICE INVESTIGATION AND PERMITTED COLLECTION
OF EVIDENCE FROM CONSULAR PREMISES. THIS WAS NOT REQUESTED.

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